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1. MR WILFRIED KOSCHORRECK, COUNSELOR, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, FRG, APPROACHED MISOFFS TODAY AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT WHILE USG SUPPORTS TIGHT BUDGETING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PRINCIPLE, IT FREQUENTLY VIOLATES THIS PRINCIPLE IN PRACTICE. HE CITED EXAMPLE OF RECENT US INITIATIVE TO "STRENGTHEN" OFFICE OF UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, ADDING THAT USG OFTEN FAILS TO CONSULT WITH FRG.

COMMENT: IN FACT, FRG CONSULTED AT LENGTH WITH ANOTHER US MISOFF AT LUNCH SPECIFICALLY ARRANGED FOR THIS PURPOSE; FURTHER, FRG WAS INVITED TO ATTEND INFORMAL CONSULATIONS AT USUN BUT DECLINED. OBVIOUS THAT KOSCHORRECK NOT IN CONTACT WITH OTHER MEMBERS HIS DELEGATION.

2. KOSCHORRECK SAID FRG CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTS US POSITION ON TIGHT BUDGETING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EVEN IF FRG SOMETIMES UNABLE TO PERSUADE ITS EC PARTNERS TO AGREE. AS SECOND OR THIRD LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR TO BUDGETS OF MOST INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FRG BELIEVES THIS IS NECESSARY POLICY

3. KOSCHORRECK SAYS HE HAS REPEATEDLY FOUND THAT US INITIATIVES IN UN, OECD AND NUMEROUS OTHERBODIES TEND TO UNDERMINE FRG EFFORTS TO HOLD LINE ON EXPENDITURES. AT HIS REQUEST, MISOFFS PROMISED TO RELAY HIS

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